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From: Amy Giltner <giltner.amy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 5:32 PM
To: Low, Sam
Subject: Please Protect Our Orcas, Salmon and Water and Improve the Critical Areas Regulations



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Council Member,

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Sincerely,
Amy Giltner
315 Avon Avenue
Burlington, WA 98233

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From: Jason Jannot <caddisflies8@gmail.com>
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Council Member,

Snohomish County Council Members,

Not only do I live in Snohomish County and own property along the Pilchuck River, which could be impacted by these regulations, I also hold a Ph.D. in Ecology from Purdue University and spent the better part of 25 years working on the ecology of streams, rivers and wetlands.

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Sincerely,
Jason Jannot
22623 29th PL NE
Granite Falls, WA 98252

Hickey, Lisa

From: Anna Jensen <aajensen73@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 11:21 PM
To: Low, Sam
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Sincerely,

Anna Jensen

22623 38th Dr. Se

Bothell, WA 98021

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From: Wendy Johnson <catsmeow1070@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 4:39 PM
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Sincerely,
Wendy Johnson
51 Diagon Alley
Telford, TN 37690

Hickey, Lisa

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Sincerely,
Angela Moore
10406 Meridian Ave S
Everett, WA 98208

Hickey, Lisa

From: Brad Moore <cyclemoore1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 7:28 PM
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Brad Moore
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Everett, WA 98208

Hickey, Lisa

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Sincerely,
Monica Samuel
7221 NE 171st Ln
Kenmore, WA 98028

Hickey, Lisa

From: Bradley Barton <barton.bradley3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 10:35 AM
To: Low, Sam
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Council Member,

Every drop of water on this planet is important. When I think about the abundance in Snohomish County I think of water--the great rains, snow, the rivers, creeks, streams, the Salish Sea with all its tremendous aquatic life. You all have done a fabulous. Keep it up.

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Bradley Barton
5910 147th St Sw Edmonds 98026
Edmonds, WA 98026

Hickey, Lisa

From: Martha Clatterbaugh <mclatterbaugh2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:44 PM
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Sincerely,
Martha Clatterbaugh
23832 45th Ave SE
Bothell, WA 98021

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From: Jean Clinch <jeanclinch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 12:42 PM
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Jean Clinch
20011 Locust Way
Lynnwood, WA 98036

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From: Amy Demoulin <aldemoulin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 8:57 PM
To: Low, Sam
Subject: We don't support the amendments that will cut buffers around wetland



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Councilmember Lowe,

We read in the Everett Herald 1/11 about the plan that Councilmembers Jared Mead and Nate Nehring have to decrease protections for wetlands and buffers around them in favor of more development. We are concerned about another Oso when there was inadequate runoff from new developments leading to a deadly landslide. Reducing vegetation increases the chance of flooding and runoff that endangers the whole community. We're also encroaching more on wildlife and fish and damaging their habitats. Let's not let developers destroy our pristine streams and lands any more than they already have.

Regards,

Amy and Jerome Demoulin

14 year residents of Everett

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From: Douglas Ewing <douglasewing@gmail.com>
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Douglas Ewing
12012 Nevers Rd.
Snohomish, WA 98290

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From: Michael Fuda <mfuda03@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Michael Fuda
14316 46th Ave SE
Snohomish, WA 98296

Hickey, Lisa

From: Christopher Fuentes <chris.e.fuentes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:10 AM
To: Low, Sam
Subject: Please Protect Our Orcas, Salmon and Water and Improve the Critical Areas Regulations



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Sincerely,
Christopher Fuentes
4633 S 150th St.
Tukwila, WA 98188

Hickey, Lisa

From: Emily Kerr <emilykerr52@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:22 AM
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Sincerely,
Emily Kerr
320 Cascade Pl
Bellingham, WA 98233

Hickey, Lisa

From: Louisa Keyani <louisakeyani@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:07 AM
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Sincerely,
Louisa Keyani
120 Republican St
Seattle, WA 98109

Hickey, Lisa

From: Holly K <nallasfan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6:40 AM
To: Low, Sam
Subject: No on CAR Amendment 1



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Dear Council Member Low,

Thank you for your work in Snohomish County.

Please **do not pass your Amendment 1 proposal** regarding the Snohomish County **CRITICAL** Areas Regulation (CAR). Choosing to degrade our water quality, reduce water storage, and compromise watershed/stream/river systems would be extremely negligent. Please vote against the CAR Amendment 1 and provide responsible stewardship.

Bless you,
Holly Kirkpatrick
Bothell, WA 98012

Hickey, Lisa

From: Eliza Kronenberger <ekronenbe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:51 AM
To: Low, Sam
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Thank you for adopting these recommendations.

Sincerely,
Eliza Kronenberger
1012 14th St
Bellingham, WA 98225

Hickey, Lisa

From: Steven Ourada <sjoardivist@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:50 AM
To: Low, Sam
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Sincerely,
Steven Ourada
13607 58th Place, W
Edmonds, WA 98026

Hickey, Lisa

From: richardwp@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 4:33 PM
To: Low, Sam
Subject: Ordinance 24-097



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Dear Councilmember Low,

We are contacting you to let you know that we strongly oppose Ordinance 24-097. We suggest that the council prioritize the long-term health of our neighborhoods, people and planet earth over the short-term profit of developers.

Thank you.

Rich and Coral Powers
Bothell, WA

Hickey, Lisa

From: Bill Ray <billray@apian.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 12:00 PM
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Natural environments depend on a complex web of relationships and species. Complexity is robust. The human tendency to monoculture is not. In our urban environments it is easy to forget how dependent we are on nature to do its thing.

Thank you for adopting these recommendations.

Bill

Sincerely,
Bill Ray
PO Box 883
Edmonds, WA 98020

Hickey, Lisa

From: Chloe Rhodes <chloerhodes16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:23 AM
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Sincerely,
Chloe Rhodes
6109 140th St NW
Stanwood, WA 98292

Hickey, Lisa

From: Raven Rodriguez <rodriguezraven007@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:13 AM
To: Low, Sam
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Council Member,

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Raven Rodriguez
18522 62nd ave ne
Kenmore, WA 98028

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From: Robert Satiacum <robertsatiacum@gmail.com>
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The following 7 Generations counting on good decisions made today.

Sincerely,
Robert Satiacum
5705 54th Avenue Ct W
University Pl, WA 98467

Hickey, Lisa

From: monica szarvas <monicaszarvas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 4:45 PM
To: Nehring, Nate; Dunn, Megan; Peterson, Strom; Mead, Jared; Low, Sam
Subject: Ordinance 24-097 Proposed Amendment



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Council Members,

I work as a Senior Environmental Planner at Snohomish County and I am writing this email to request that the proposed amendment be removed from consideration and the critical areas regulations update provided by Planning & Development Services be adopted without further interruptions and delays. The science and arguments presented in favor of critical area code updates speak for themselves and no sufficient argument has been brought against them. Protecting the environment is in everyone's best interest.

Monica Szarvas

Hickey, Lisa

From: Bear VanSenus <littletears77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 12:20 AM
To: Low, Sam
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Please remember you are on sduhubš land. Water is life. Greed is killing us all. Dont let developers ruin our land.

Sincerely,
Bear VanSenus
15907 Ash Way Apt C504
Lynnwood, WA 98087

Hickey, Lisa

From: Kimber VanSenus <sduhubsgurl77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 12:16 AM
To: Low, Sam
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"This water is the life-giving sustenance" - Vi Hilbert

Sincerely,
Kimber VanSenus
8010 218th St SW
Edmonds, WA 98026

Hickey, Lisa

From: randy@bearcreekhw.org
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 10:32 AM
To: Mead, Jared; Low, Sam; Nehring, Nate; Dunn, Megan; Peterson, Strom; Contact Council
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING 1/15//25 RE: Ord. No.: 24-097



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Those of us out here who are your actual constituents, as opposed to developers who are generally not your constituents, would like you to act in a manner to protect the environment. I understand this would be a novel idea, but please give it a try.

Amendment No. 1 as proposed is a transparent way to take more land for development at the cost of the plants and animals that call the critical areas home, at the cost of the salmon who will suffer from the degraded water quality, at the cost of the orcas who rely on the salmon, and ultimately at the cost to the rest of us in our lost quality of life. Please do not continue the Council's pattern over many years, of killing the environment by a thousand cuts.

I support the recommendations of Futurewise for the county's CAR.

1. Adopt 200-foot buffers on streams, rivers and shorelines that are home to salmon and other fish species and 100-foot buffers on other streams and shorelines measured from the channel migration zone edge or active floodplain to prevent more declines in salmon stocks and the southern resident orcas.
2. Designate Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) priority habitats and species as fish and wildlife conservation areas and base the protection of these habitats and species on WDFW's Management Recommendations to comply with the GMA.
3. Designate and protect rare plant categories and listings from the Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Program, to comply with GMA.
4. Adopt the amendments to better protect development from channel migration zones, which have a high potential to damage buildings and structures.
5. Adopt the amendments to protect ground water from water pollution to protect our drinking water sources.
6. Require a site plan for all activities that can adversely impact wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat conservations areas; activities such as draining wetlands can harm both wetlands and fish and wildlife habitats.
7. Do not delete the current requirement to include on site plans fish and wildlife habitats within the width of the widest potential buffer. This proposed change will allow inadvertent damage to fish and wildlife habitats and buffers.
8. Add a requirement to document the applicant's efforts to avoid and minimize impacts to the critical area or buffer. Avoidance is the cheapest and most effective method for protecting critical areas.

9. Do not adopt Amendment 1 or other amendments that allow for narrower buffers or filling wetlands without compensating for their lost functions. Narrower buffers will not protect rivers, streams, and wetlands. Filling wetlands without replacing the lost functions will adversely impact fish and wildlife habitats and other wetland benefits.

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Subject: Possible Amendment on Wetlands



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Snohomish County Council Members:

*“Streams are often viewed as the veins that flow to rivers that evolve into the arteries of our ecosystems. **Wetlands are commonly referred to as the kidneys of streams and rivers.** These fragile natural features filter pollutants. Wetlands store water. They provide essential wildlife habitat...from a biomass perspective, wetlands are the most productive places on the planet. Wetlands are also points of entry for surface waters to seep into the ground water systems enabling streams and rivers to flow during dry periods.” This quote is taken from Tom Murdoch, leader of the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation, dedicated to teaching each of us to become stewards of our watersheds. In that capacity today, as a steward of our watersheds, I ask the Council to either delay or refuse to consider an amendment that would degrade protections for our watersheds. I realize that this was a combined effort to try to allow for flexibility to build more housing in the urban growth area. However frustrating, we cannot sacrifice our water quality or water temperature in this process. To allow this type of flexibility to the developing community often ends up with even greater degradation than originally intended in the verbiage. Why be concerned? Whether Department of Ecology or our own Planning and Development Staff, we never have enough folks to enforce the rules that are already in place! This is the old “Give an inch, why not a mile” philosophy.*

This Council and the Planning and Development Staff worked long and hard on the Comprehensive Plan for 2024. Please do not allow this amendment to move forward. Furthermore, I would invite each of you to visit the Adopt-a-Stream Foundation at McCullom Park, if you have not already done so! Much, much community environmental education is to be found there!

Best always,

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From: Joan Thomas <savebothell@outlook.com>
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Dear Councilmembers Low, Dunn, and Peterson,

The Council has received much outpouring from many, and varied sources as to why to **not** pass Ordinance 24-097 and Amendment 1.

We are asking for the Council to vote against this legislation and to do far more in-depth research as to the dangerous ramifications of such legislation.

The Council is not well versed in drainage, experts who are have said this is terrible legislation that will damage wetlands, homeowners' properties, neighborhoods, and the general environment.

The Council was elected, hired by the residents of Sno Co, to represent our interests, and protect our well-being, **not** to serve the interests and pocket books of mostly out-of-state developers.

This legislation is being purported as helping with affordable housing by giving developers more profit margin. A public records request shows that of 1000's of development applications in Sno Co in the last 13 years, 2 have been for affordable housing and 1 for low income. You need to not be deceived yourselves by developers and PDS' pawns, and thus, not be parties to deceiving the public of the benefit of this Ordinance.

Reducing buffer margins, buffer averaging, et.al to give developers more profit do nothing to protect the well-being of the neighborhoods, wetlands, and environment.

We urge you to vote NO on Ordinance 24-097 and Amendment 1.

Thank you,
Joan Thomas
SaveBothell